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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the five (5) references listed on the attached revised form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Copies of these references are being submitted herewith.

These references were cited in the International Search Report of a related PCT application that was mailed to Applicants on May 9, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the attached revised Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, as this submission is being made before a first Office Action on the merits. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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